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ROME

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY ROME CENTER
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2002-2003 Yearbook

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Rome Center. While the physical location of the campus has changed over the years, the original spirit has not. Students today have the same passion for learning and the same lust for exploration that students have had in years past. For this reason this yearbook includes photographs from the Rome Center archives.

Lago Bracciano



Does Anetta Boduch know something that the other students don't?



Jessica Choinski and Zeana Bertacchi try to warm up by wrapping themselves in beach towels rather than lying on them.



Vanity thy name is speedo! Ryan Fischer, Ian Humphries-Russ, and Josh Krueger test the freezing waters of lake Bracciano.



Joel and Alex can't figure out why they can't score on George and Grande Dan during a heated match of foosball.

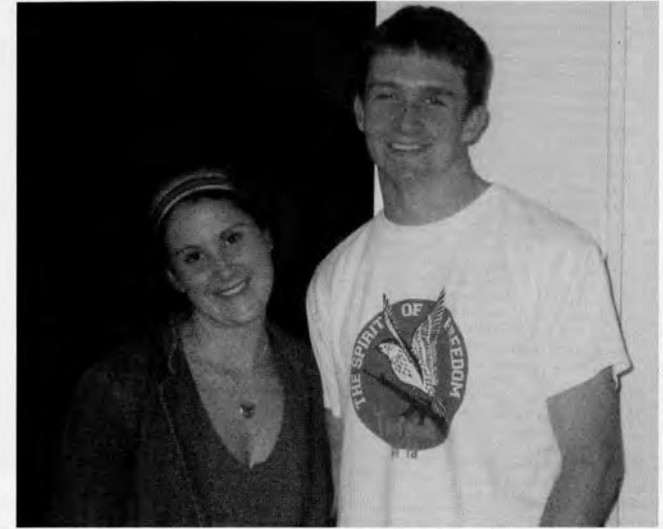
Around The Compound



Dan Bandstra displays his spoils of a recent panty raid on the 2nd floor.



Anastasia Schaefer and Becky Lutz showing a little bit of Rome Center love.



Kristin Lothman and Sean O'Neill sharing an intimate moment in the halls of the compound.



Our very own Tommy T. sings as Ryan Evans strums his guitar at a free concert given on the steps. Residents later complained to SLA Mela Reina because it was past quiet hours.



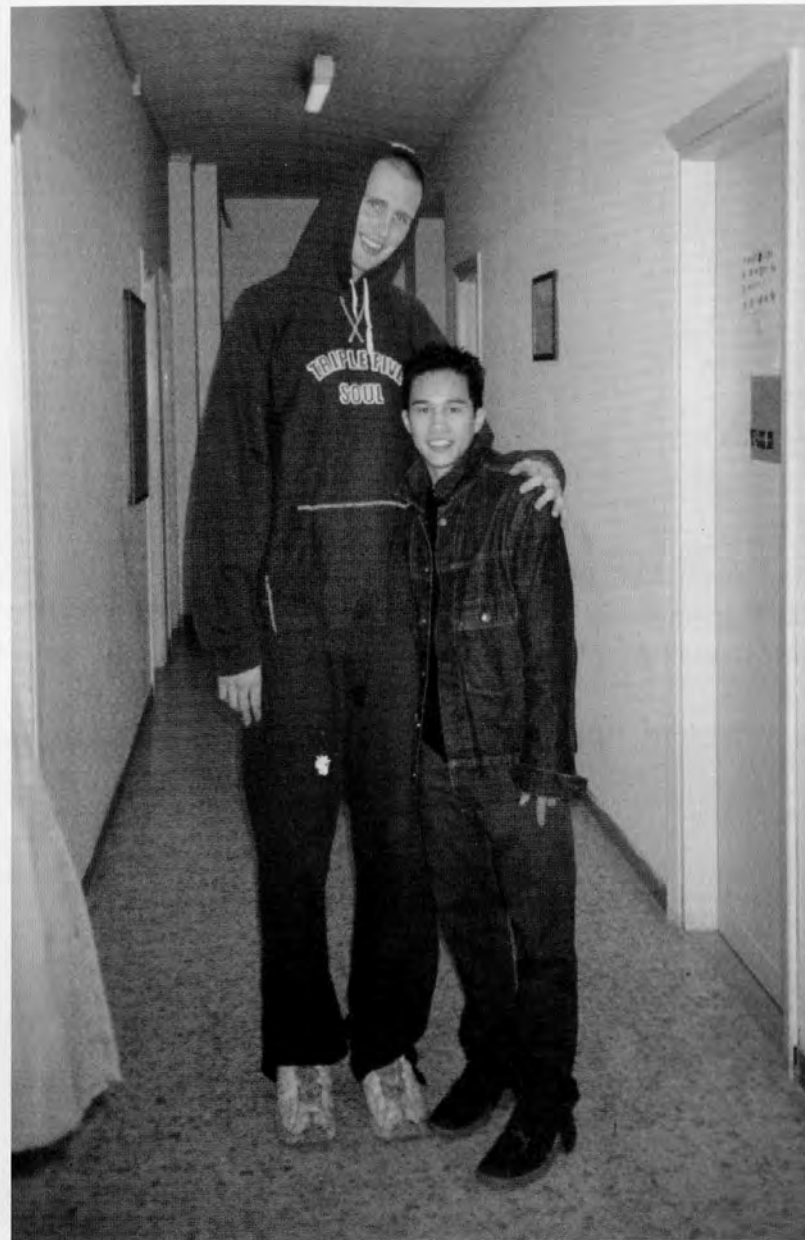
Do you know 4 straight guys that dress up in the same tight shirt and pose like this? Well meet them... Chaps, Twan, COD, and Grande.



Grande Dan showing why he is sooo Grande as he finishes his 6th set in the Sean O'Neill Memorial Weight Room



Ryan leans back and decries, "Another meal fit for the Gods." Rob, Joe, George, and Jim simply nod as they hungrily devour a second course of ambrosia at the mensa.



Big and small, we got 'em all at the Rome Center as proven by Ben Beck-Coon and Duncan Tran.



The greatest group of guys that ever passed through the hallowed halls of the Rome Center. The Southside of the third floor class of '02. Thanks for an incredible semester... Colin O'Donovan.



Leena Walters, Erica Vohnout, Abby Witt, Kristina Oncken, and Rebecca Levy waiting for the 990 bus.



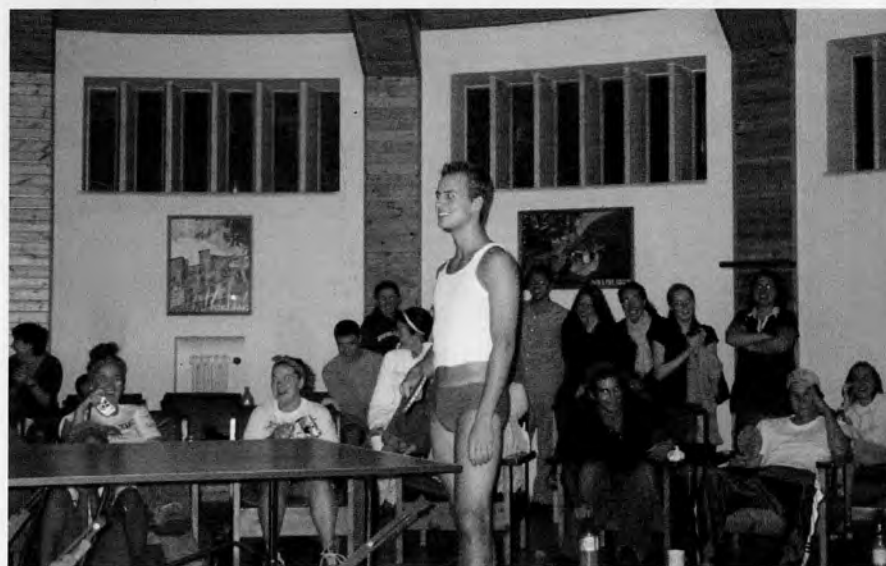
Ben Beck-Coon lends a (big) hand to Maria Yanez in the library computer lab.



Smiles are still free at Rinaldo's bar, but room service is not available.



Erin Burke, Cat Rotunno, Cortney Tunis, and Colleen Healy discuss strategies before calcio.



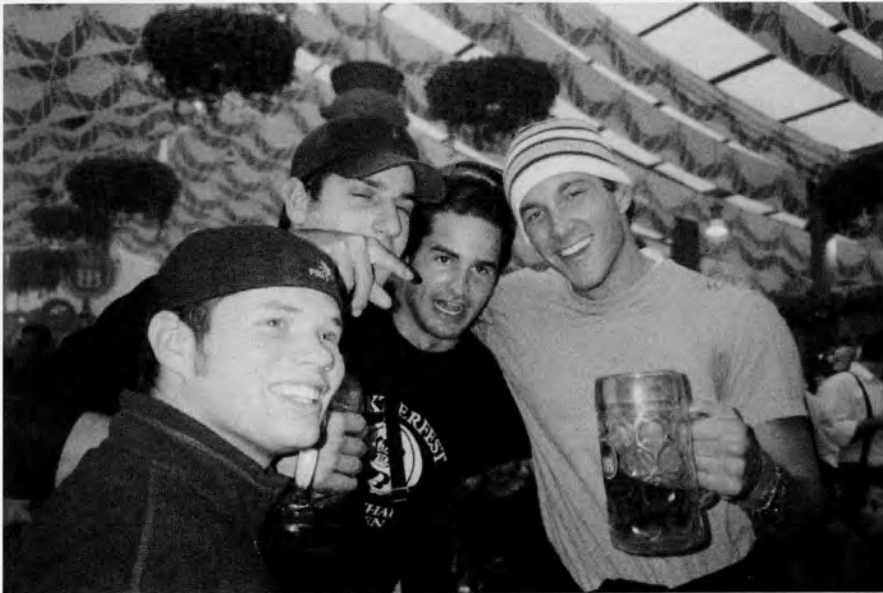
Ryan keeps all his balls up in the air at once. An act of futility as he loses the ping-pong tournament.



Matt Slaggie skips the mensa for a more delicious treat. Hint, hint new directors...



Natalie Ratzlaff , Becky Lutz, and Lucy Ainsworth enjoy a liter at the Hofbrauhaus.



Josh Coffey, Colin Harter, John Hoffman, and Scott Green are just happy to have made it to "TobyFest."

Oktoberfest!



John Hoffman gets in touch with his German roots by borrowing a traditional Oktoberfest outfit.



Amber Long, Anetta Boduch, and Megan Williams un po' "allegri" at Oktoberfest.



Suzie Valentin and Colleen Healy made friends pretty quickly.



Paul Labich clenches his teeth saying "Hurry up and take the shot already, I gotta go to the bathroom." Kristin Lothman seconds the motion. Also present are Bernadette McGuane, her boyfriend Kevin McCann, Ben Beck-Coon, Natalie Ratzlaff, and Joel Beck-Coon.



Can you find the sober person in this tent?



Ladies and Gentleman, Boys and Girls, may I present to you the one, the only...Anthony Turano.

In Centro



Students (and gypsy photographer) discover Campo Dei Fiori on the first night.



Emily Watkins, Emilia Guasconi, and Courtney Galassie find "The Scene."



Bernadette McGuane, Emily Watkins, Emilia Guasconi, Ellen McGuire, Moira O'Donovan, and Courtney Galassie stop for a photo op in front of Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers.



Chad Piini, Zeana Bertacchi, Elizabeth Martinez, Duncan Tran, Jessica Choinski, Ryan Evans, and Kevin O'Brien toast the yearbook staff on doing such a great job.



Jim Siegert and Andrew "Donny" Kuo can't contain their excitement seeing that the juke box has Celine Dion.



Sean O'Neill defeated a stunned Dan Bruun with the classic "Over the Top" maneuver. Joe O'Connor can't wait for a match with the champ.



Colleen Healy, Suzie Valentin, Natasha Saltz, Cat Rotunno, Gloria Contreras, Mary Del Balso, Lauren Wallace, and Jessie Fonow at Oliphants.



Joe O'Connor, Ryan Arnold, Whitney Fleming, Cassadra Simmons, Courtney Labelle, Anna Garvey, Marcelino Castillo, and Eddie Sheffler at BP.



"Please do not order a cappucino; it's past 2 pm..." Anna teaches Josh cafe etiquette.



Danielle Azara, Jenn Merrigan, Ryan Fischer, Rebecca Levy, and Anette Bialek relaxing with a few pints at the Birreria Pizzeria after a tough night of calcio.

Lehia Apana and Kate Lennon get their hands bitten at the Mouth of Truth.



Ventotene or ...



Chad Piini, Sean O'Neill, Brendan Mazur, Suzie Valentin, and Mary Del Balso relaxing in the sun on a tour of the island.



Suzie Valentin, Martin Sullivan, and Alex Christian adjust their goggles before the dive.

Heaven?



This group of divers is ready to see Davey Jones's locker.



Matt Slaggie, Colin O'Donovan, Scott Green, and Alex Christian are exhausted after a long day in the sun and rest up for dancing.



Matt Slaggie and Scott Green claim "No really we're not drunk."



Mary Del Balso, Suzie Valentin, Lauren Wallace, Colleen Healey, and Kristin Lothman dine in style.



La Dolce Vita... someone has to live it! Loyola students soak up the sun while on a boat excursion in Ventotene.



Sean O'Neill goes on hunger strike in the political prison on the island of Santo Stefano.

Papal Audience



This guy needs no introduction.



Mission Accomplished! Seminarian Eddie Pluchar was on a mission from God to see John Paul II before leaving Rome.



The girls smile after cheering "JP 2, we love you" as his holiness passed by in the Pope Mobile.



"You don't think those girls would stand us up on a date to the papal audience do you?" asks Brian. "No. They're only an hour and a half late. They probably just wanted to look good for the big guy."

Halloween



In the beginning God created...Ryan Fischer and Ian Humphries as Fred Flinstone.



Jessica Choinski and Zeena Bertacchi heat the room up to hellish temperatures as Twin Devillettes.



Richard Simmons (Ellen McGuire!) complete with bushy chest hair is ready to work the weight off from all that Halloween candy.



Jennifer Mongillo as a toga beauty, Josh Krueger as Tom Cruise in Risky Business, Ian Humphries as Fred Flinstone, COD and Alessio as Trojan Condoms.



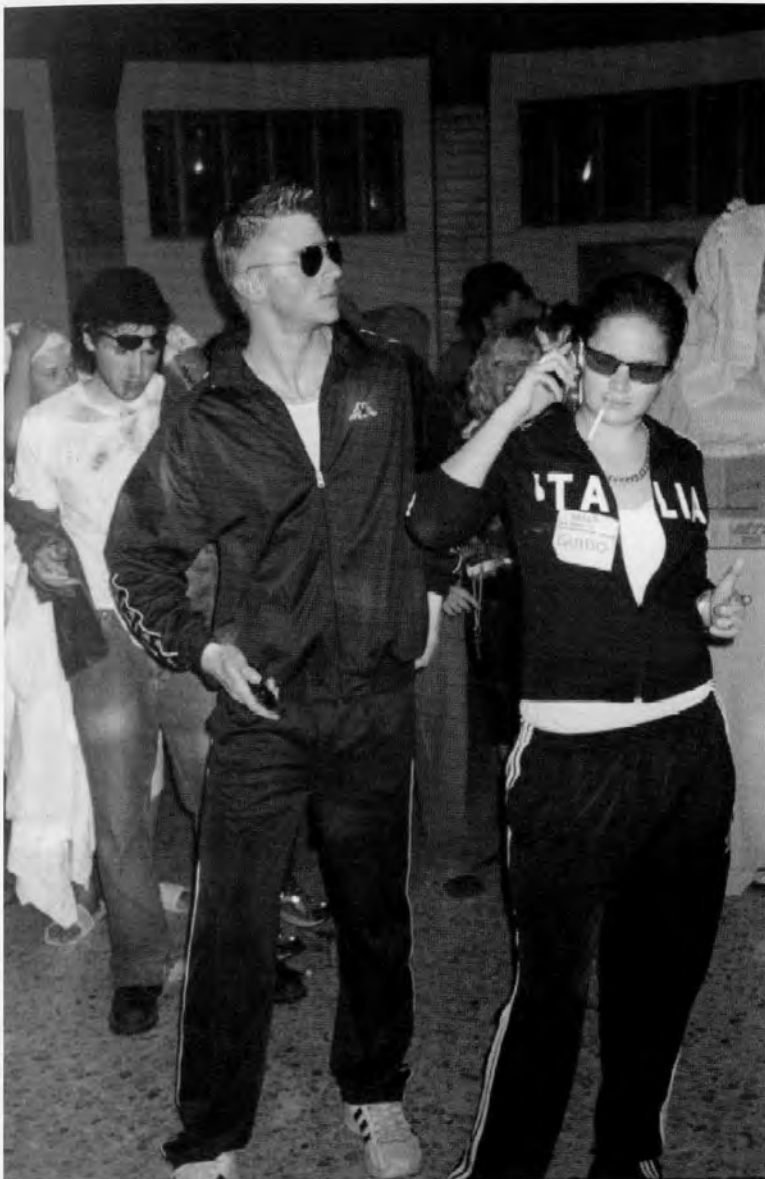
Zeana, Tiffany, and Anetta from Grease light up the dance floor to the song YMCA.

Mary Hornschemeier as his Holiness and Dan Bandstra as the blessed Virgin Mary (who ironically seems to be a Jets fan. No wonder they did so well this season.)



Raphael and David: two Italian legends in the flesh at Rinaldo's.

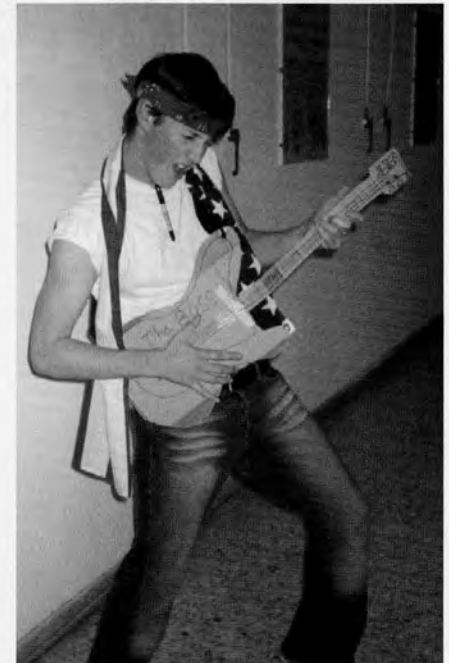




"Hang on I gotta take this call" says Guido Moira O'Donovan to fellow "Coato" Brendan Mazur. James Tyll as a bloody Tyler McCoy looks on in dismay.



Mike Dombink caught in the middle of a lie.



The Boss belts out a tune in the hallway before making his big entrance into Rinaldo's.



Brendan Mazur, Lauren Wallace, Ryan Fisher, Kate Mesch, Cassandra Simmons, and Courtney Galassie take a break from dancing for a quick photo.



Liz Cox, Carl Pryztula,
and Carla Gini get
down and dirty as
Calcio Hooligans

First Mate Meredith
Rubin, Emily Samoska,
and Amber Long are
ecstatic that Bruce
Springstein (Matt
Ennis) will take a photo
with them.



Anetta Boduch loves being impersonated by her rather busty
roommate Amber.



"Virgins," a condom, and a gold flashing pimp. Who picked this staff?



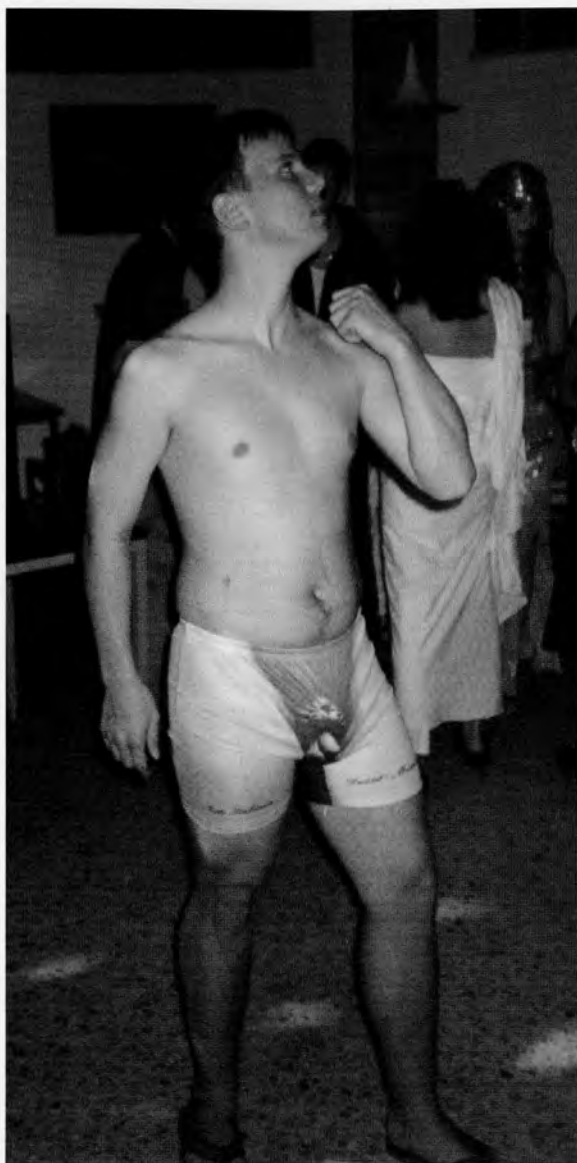
Agatha Karas, Liz De Luca, and John Hoffman are gypsies selling useless garbage for only 10¢. Ok 5¢... for you, good price 1¢.

Come sono belle queste ragazze! Jenn Merrigan, Anetta Boduch, and Sara Studebaker.



Natasha Saltz as a hetero life mate and Paul Labich as a washed up '80s member of the band Guns-N-Roses try to persuade judge Flaminio DiBiagi to vote for them as best costume idea. Much like the album Spaghetti Incident, they were a complete failure.





When confronted by his roommate as to why 4 pair of socks were missing from his drawer, Eugene Knaus replied, "I'm so sorry but I needed it for the costume. I'll wash them immediately."



Leena Walters and Abby Witt display all their cheap souvenirs at the party.



Hidy Ho good neighbor. Sean O'Neill dressed as Wilson from the TV show "Home Improvement."



Hetero Life Mates (Cat and Tasha)
At least we know who wears the pants in the relationship.

You need 500mg of Calcio per Week.



After a wet first game, these warriors pose for a quick photo op outside the compound gates. And thus the LEAGUE was born.

There are two types of calcio players at the Rome Center today. There are those that call it "Co-ed intramural Soccer," and then there are those of us who call it "The LEAGUE." Which one are you?

The league and controversy are one and the same. Without controversy, there is no league. Without the league-at the Rome Center-there is no controversy.



Eddie Pluchar stretches what were voted the best buns in the league, while the rest of the God Squad circle up and pray for a win. God did not hear their prayer that day. They lost 6-2.



James Tyll, a key player for the green team turned to the "Good Book" for succour as he lay in the hospital for weeks with a broken nose.

Jeff Benka, Kristin Lothman, Scott Green, Duncan Tran, Anette Bialeck, Liz Holsapple, Alessio Nassini, James Tyll, Courtney LaBelle, Eileen Cummings.



The Champions role of honor for team Blue Balls: Joel Beck-Coon, Brendan Mazur, Colin O'Donovan, Anthony Turano, Sean O'Neill (co-captain), Chad Piini, Danielle Azara, Ivey Kitchens, Sara Studebaker (co-captain), Eugene Knaus, Marcelino Castillo.

The League is the opiate of the masses here at the Rome Center.

Greece



Brittany, Ellen, Bernadette, Joel, Moira, Jeff, Marcelino, Anna, Erica, Kate, and Ben relaxing in the Olympic Stadium.

Students, unaware that they are standing before one of the treasures of the ancient world, gaze in wonder at Dean of Students Sheila Curtin, whom they regard as one of the modern wonders of the world.



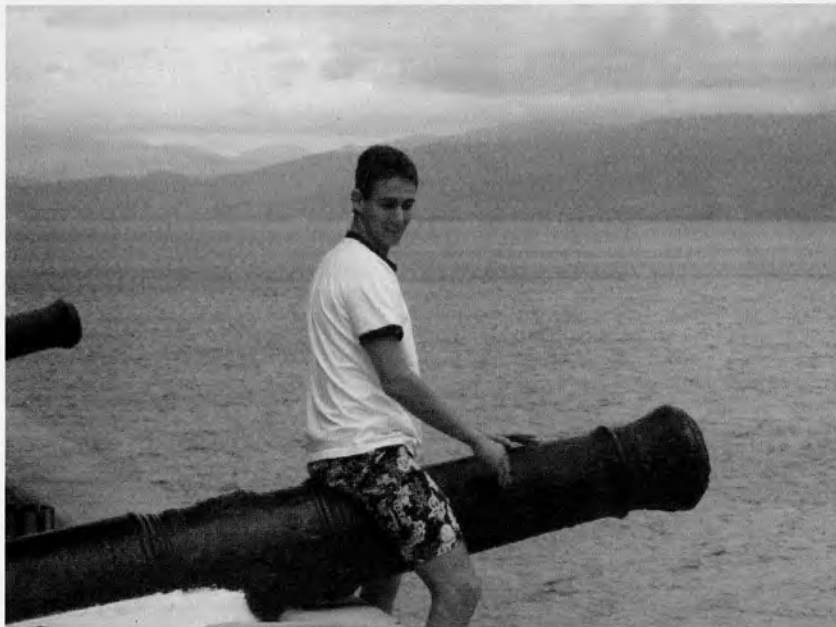
"Jim, keep the old guy smiling. I almost got his wallet," says Tom Terranova.



Kate Walsh, Jen Merrigan, Megan Williams, Jessica Choinski, Sara Studebaker, Anette Bialek and Amber Long in Meteora.



Martin Sullivan, Jeff Witkus, and Eugene Knaus seem confused.



A guy can dream can't he? (Ryan Evans)



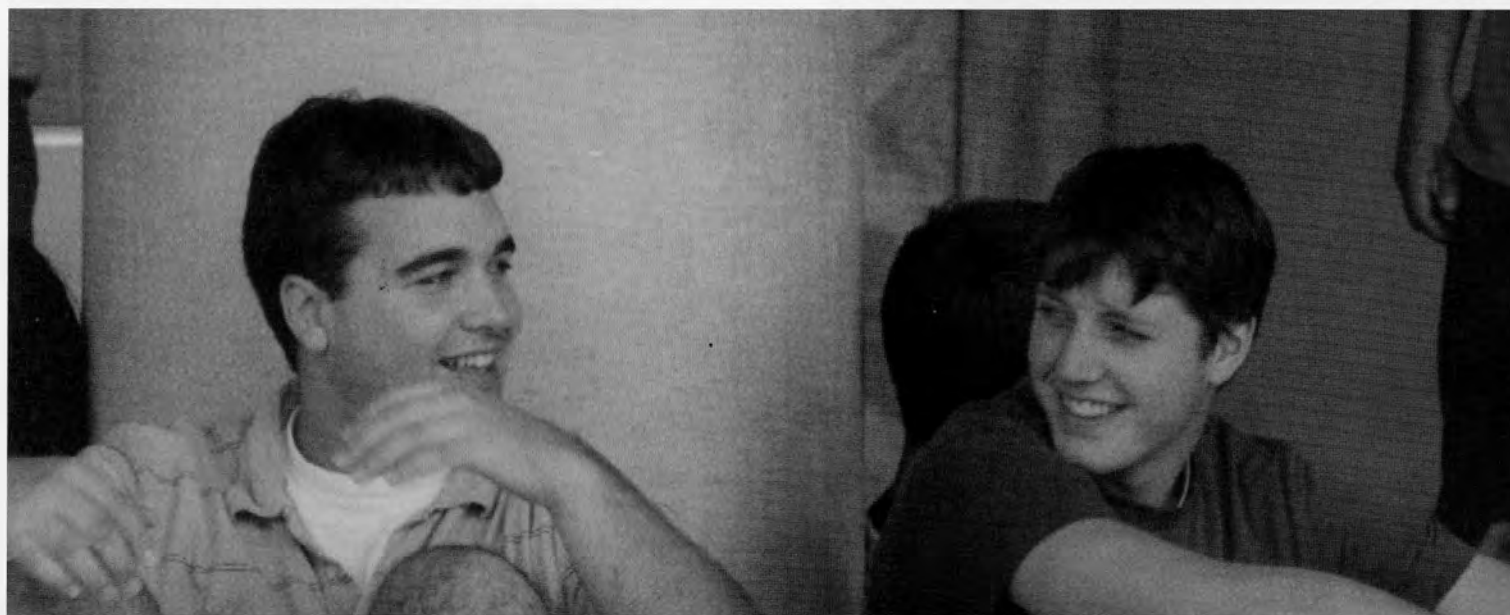
A confused Chaplain, Brian White, can't seem to find heaven these days. He suggests one look to the picture on the left.



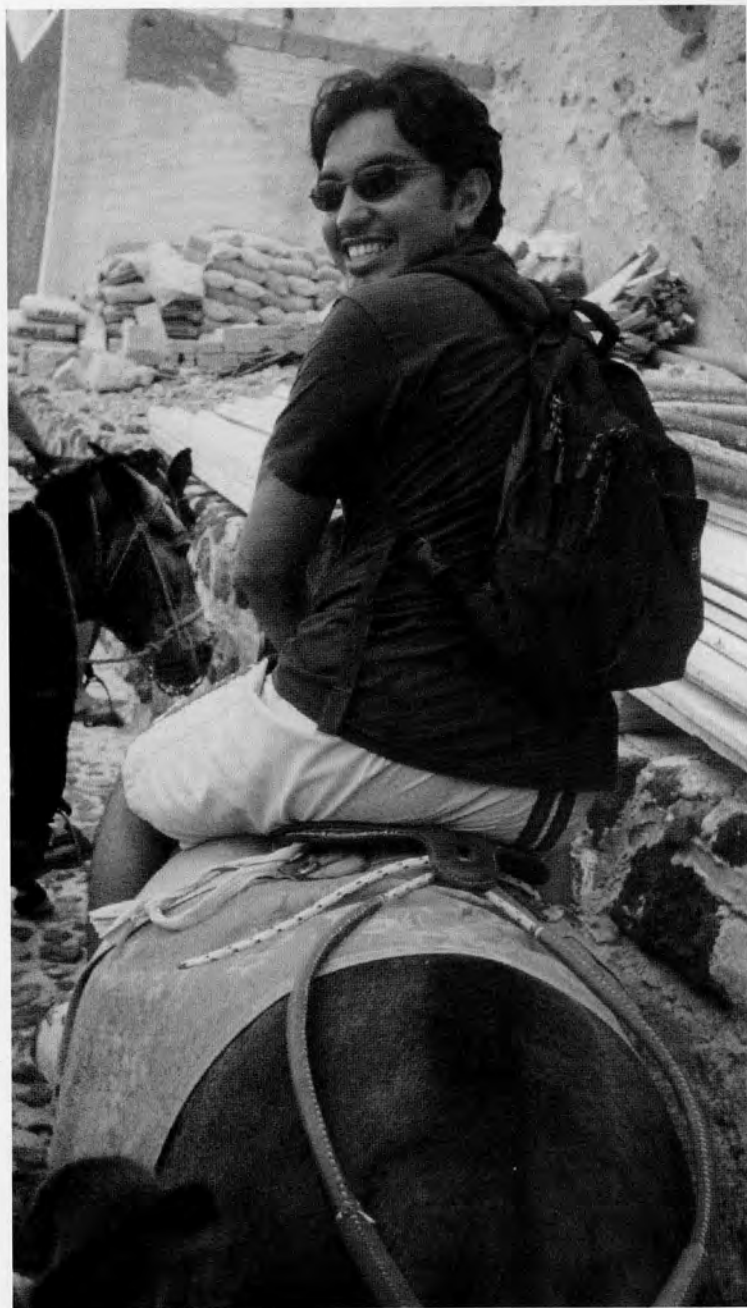
Joe Pesoli: "Oh my, get a look at those Diesel jeans that guy is wearing!"
Jim Siegert: "Phh. Those are definitely not *Diesel* Jeans."



(5 hours later) Jim Siegert: "Maybe they were Diesel jeans, but they were definitely last year's model. Definitely."



Paul Labich: "I can't believe those guys are still talking about if that guy was wearing Diesel jeans."
Matt Ennis: "I know. Any idiot could tell they were from the GAP."



"Yeah, that's right. I know I got a big ASS," says Marcelino.



Moira O'Donovan, Paul Labiche, Bernadette McGuane, Jeff Witkus, Ellen McGuire, and Eddie Sheffler on the cruise.



Cassandra Simmons, Moira O'Donovan, Bridget Howe, Agatha Karas, Carla Gini in Delphi.

Hunger Week Auction



Chaplain Brian reminds the crowd that all the money is going to charity and that while bidding isn't mandatory, then again neither is heaven.



M.C. Matt Slaggie laughs with the crowd at Dan's seemingly ridiculous purchase of a talking fish that calls itself Big Mouth Billy Bass. Dan, however, sees the beginning of a beautiful relationship.



Joe Pesoli generously purchases a 50€ bottle of ketchup stating, "It's all for the kids."



Doubled over in laughter, Paul Labich offers to sell Joe Pesoli a half-used bottle of French's mustard for mere 25€.



By the end of the night people were buying anything. Above, Josh Coffey starts the bidding for a partially-eaten panino at 12€. A hungry Dan Bruun is tempted.

And Talent Show



George Sferra tickles the ivories to a new song he just composed entitled, "Rome Center Love"... it was inspired by the mensa's calzoncini.



Colleen Healy presents the divine yogurt, which Ryan Fischer idolizes in poetic lines and to which Anna Garvey pays tribute in dance.



Courtney Tunis, Cassandra Simmons, and Courtney LaBelle serenade the audience.



Carl Przytula and Ryan Evans accompany Giorgio Il Cuoco as he sings Nirvana's "Nevermind."



Megan Shortridge, Denise, and Tara McDonald entice the crowd with an Egyptian belly dance.



Duncan goes head-over-heels for Sheila Curtin.

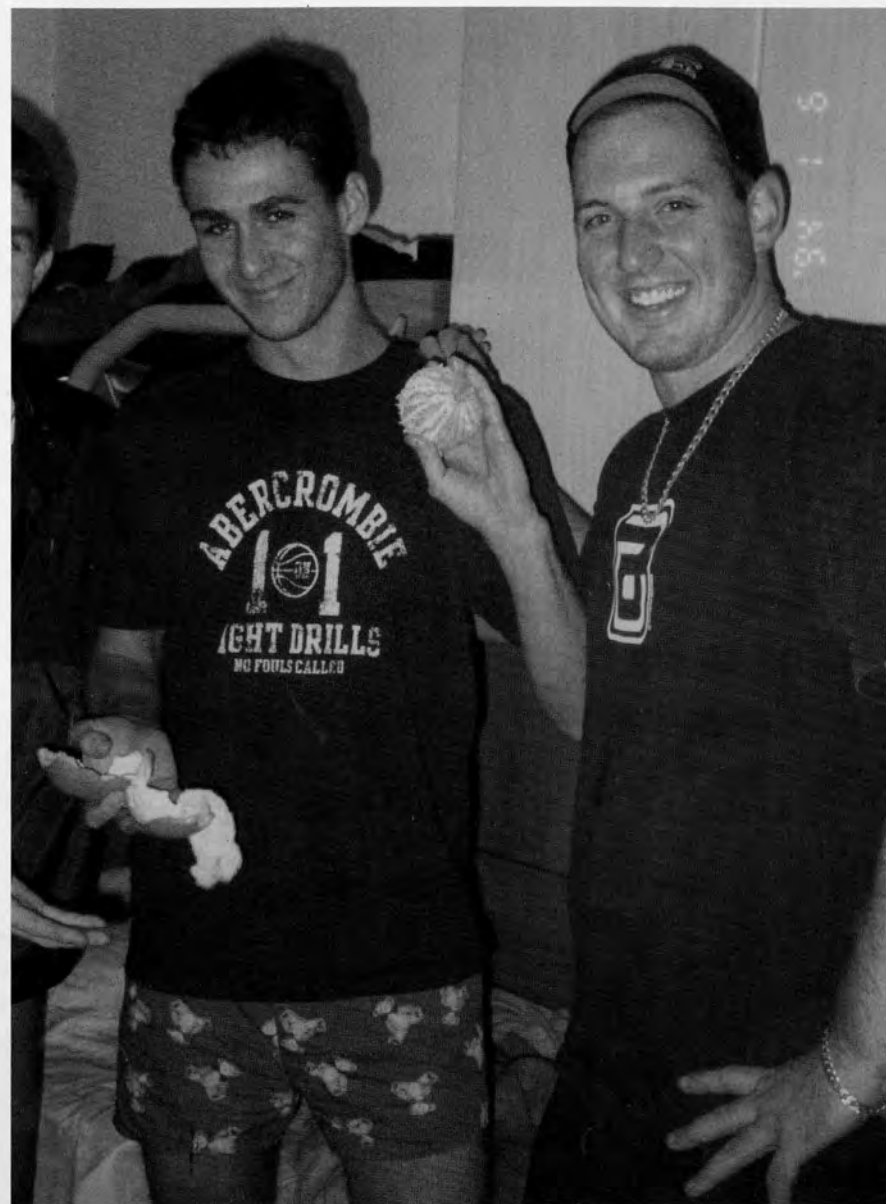
Student Travels



Dan Bruun lied to this delighted, little boy saying that he was the famous Paschal Numa. The poor child will be heartbroken to see a real picture of his soccer-hero Paschal, who is actually a small, bald, African. Dan also regularly steals candy from babies.



Jenn Merrigan and Memree Phillips are just happy to be outside the compound.



Awoken at 4 in the morning to appraise what he deemed "the most perfect orange," Ryan Evans displays the fully intact peel, while Dan Bruun smiles holding onto a little piece of heaven.



N.Y. Eddie, Anna Garvey, Suzie Valentin, Collen Healy, Danielle Azara, Rebecca Levy, Erica Battaglia, Eileen Cummings, Margaret Joyce, Cassandra Simmons, Courtney Labelle, Kate Mesch, and Eugene Knaus treat themselves to a piece of the curb after the Cinque Terre hike.



Anicka Tsikouris, Annie Maresca, Natalie Ratzlaff, Suzanne Lorfing, Becky Lutz, Jessica Oberbroeckling in Copenhagen



Like everyone else, they snapped a quick shot of Italy's most famous architectural blunder and were on a train to Florence within 30 minutes. Pictured: Fran Cabugason, Tali Best, Jessica Treat, Nicole Friedman, Colleen Healy.



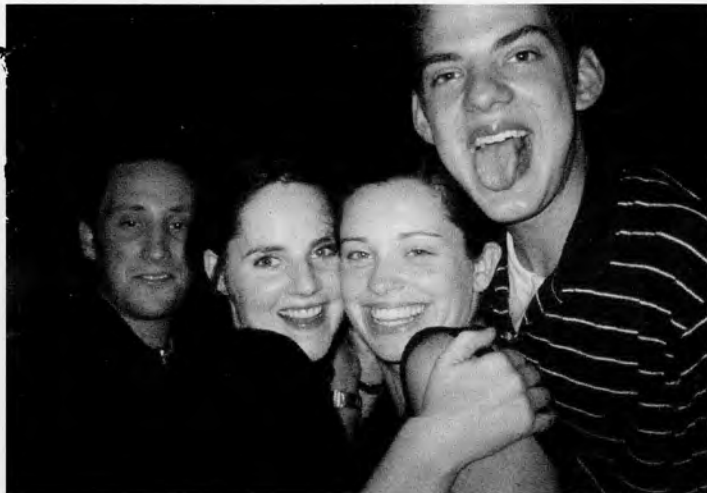
Kate Lennon, Sam Fischer, and Leah Apana enjoying the "other" tourist attractions in Amsterdam.



Students complain that the rooms are small at the Rome Center but they willing pack into a 6 man compartment on the train! Erica Battaglia, Joe Prieboy, Eddie Pluchar, Brittany Kuzel, Cassandra Simmons, Eileen Cummings, Eugene Knaus, Liz Holsapple, Margaret Joyce, and Rebecca Levy.



Courtney Labelle, Cassandra Simmons, Suzie Valentin, Kate Mesch, Colleen Healy, and Brittany Kuzel in bed.



Matt Slaggie is panting like a dog after dancing with these bombshells (Megan Shortridge and Erinn Horan). Mike Dombrink patiently awaits his turn.



Kathryn Walsh, Jenn Merrigan, Sara Studebaker, Jessica Choinski, Anetta Boduch, and Amber Long on St. Charles Bridge in Prague.



The group showing off the new leather jackets in Florence. Matt Slaggie, Martin Sullivan, Erinn Horan, Mike Dombrink, and Kate Lennon



Ryan, Tiffany, Megan and Sam are exhausted after a hike in Corsica.

Sara Studebaker, Kathryn Walsh, Brooke Paugh, Colin Harter, Kevin O'Brien (who swears he was not doing push-ups 2 seconds before this was shot), John Hoffman, and Josh Coffey.



Marcelino Castillo, Berns McGuane, Katie Tomich, Jeff Benka, Chad Piini, and Mary Grabowski are making friends in Naples.

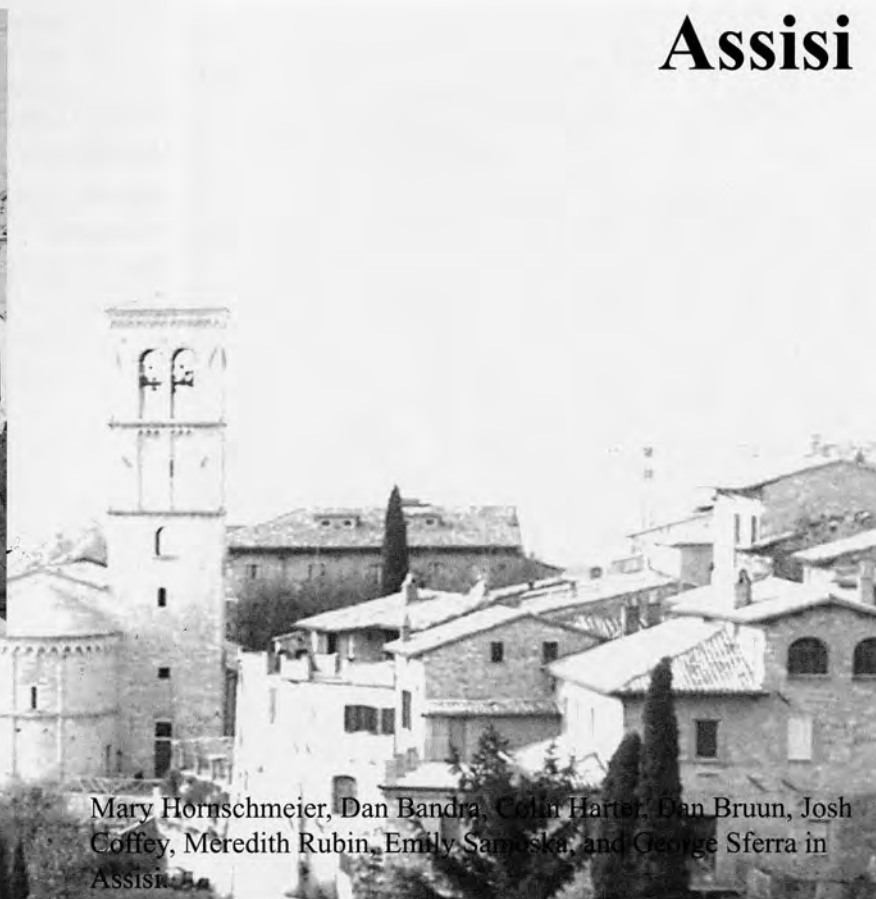
Ivey Kitchens, Dan Bandstra, Mary Hornschemeier, and Margaret Joyce in Venice.



Assisi



Mary Hornschmeier, Carla Gini, Jessica Oberbroeckling, Anastasia Schaefer, and a sleeping Liz Cox take a break from intense prayer.



Mary Hornschmeier, Dan Bandra, Colin Harter, Dan Bruun, Josh Coffey, Meredith Rubin, Emily Samoska, and George Sferra in Assisi.



Thanksgiving in Poland



Becky Lutz, Jenn Raskauskas, Brian White, Ivey Kitchens, Liz Cox, Brittany Lies, Carla Gini, Mary Del Balso, Erica Battaglia, Kate Lennon, and Mary Hornschemeier under a statue of JP II.



Ivey Kitchens about to overturn her perogies. Students tried to silence her as she shouted at the waiter "I ordered bologna. Bologna. You know, my bologna has a first name: its O-S-C-A-R..."

Ski Trip



Mary Eileen Weicher can even make a face plant look beautiful.



Mary Weicher, James Tyll, Ryan Fischer, Bridget Howe, Moira O'Donovan, Cortney Tunis, Danielle Azara, and Tom Terranova are ice skating up a storm in Cervinia.



Ryan Evans, Colin O'Donovan, Jeff Witkus, Danielle, Anthony Turano, Eugene Knaus, Matt Slaggie, and Brendan Mazur take a break from the cold to warm up.

Kenya



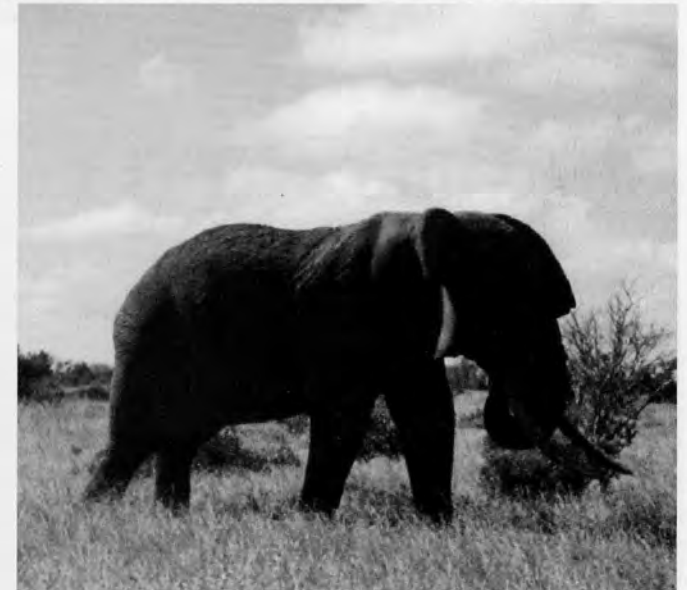
SLAs Megan and Jenn escort Carolyn Camarata along the Indian Ocean.



Jeff Witkus (expert in all things Kenyan) convinces the group that in Kenya people actually ride on the top of the car instead of inside it. Megan, Nicole, Liz, Matt, Jenn, and Carolyn all go along for the ride.



Tsavo Est, home of man-eating lions. Jeff Witkus, who wasn't scared, is flanked by Nicole Friedman, Carolyn Camarata, Jenn Raskauskas, Megan Shortridge, Liz Martinez, and Matt Slaggie.



This shot was taken of Jeff Witkus before he took a shower and put on his make up in the morning.



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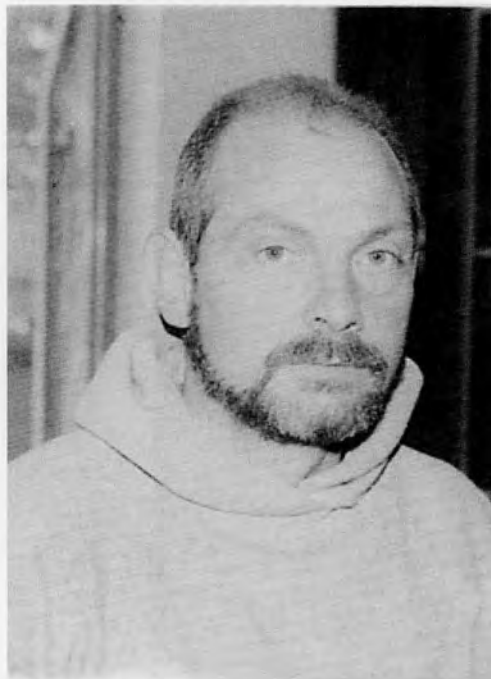
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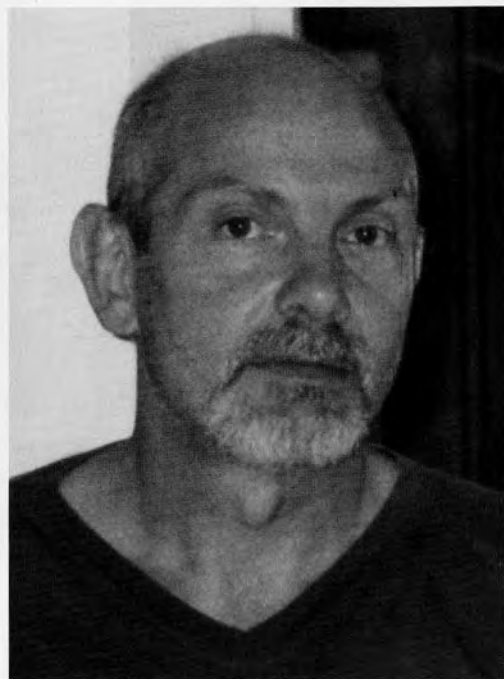
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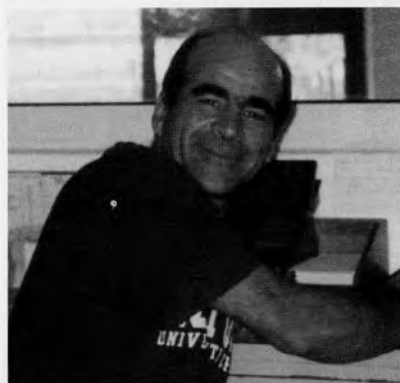


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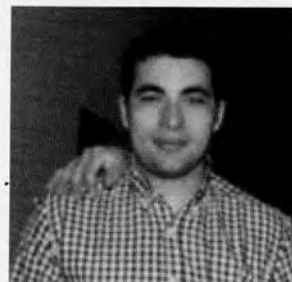


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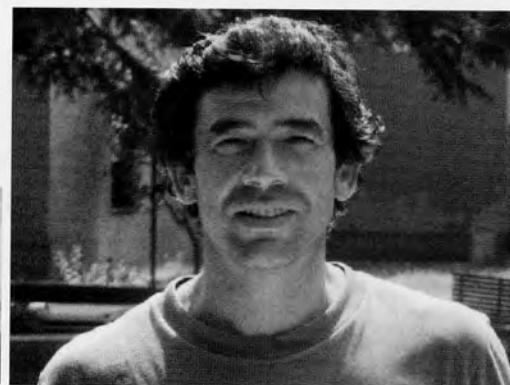
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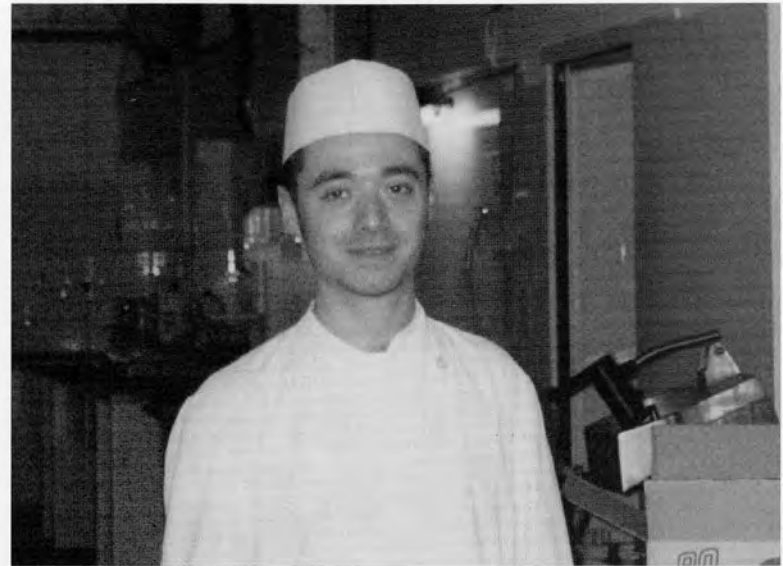
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Orientation Dinner



Nadia Haque, Julia Smyth, Emily Blanchard, Becky Morrow, Sarah Janas, Kelli Koob, Molly O'Donnell, Anthony Turano, Robin Mills, and Jessica Westerman.



Jenn Swasas, JP Berauer, Amelia Hrabak, and PJ Davè take a break from all the courses of pasta and tear into the secondo piatto.



Molly Shiels, Chris Adams, Christina Cusano, Catherine Ramella, Joel Christman, and Kevin Bar. Both Joel and Kevin received high honors for being part of the clean plate club, finishing everything on the plater at every course. Molly groaned, "Honored? Those 2 guys should be locked away. They were hogging the bread all night, wouldn't pass the water, and even took a forkful of pasta off my plate when I wasn't looking. Honored? Hmph!"



Gabrielle Bubak, Susan Stelling, Mark McNamee, Chris Pratt, Jo Cassidy, Angie Martin and Meredith Cuda. Later, Mark commented, "Don't get me wrong, it was good food, great food even, but it just doesn't compare to the Mensa." Chris Pratt, with a mouth stuffed full of chicken and waving a bread stick in the air, concurred.



Jola Wilczek, Rebecca Israilevich and Mary Hornschemeier drink some high quality Fanta.

Kari Bachmeier, Agata Pluzyezka, Liz Holsapple and Angela Telthorst feel great after a filling meal.



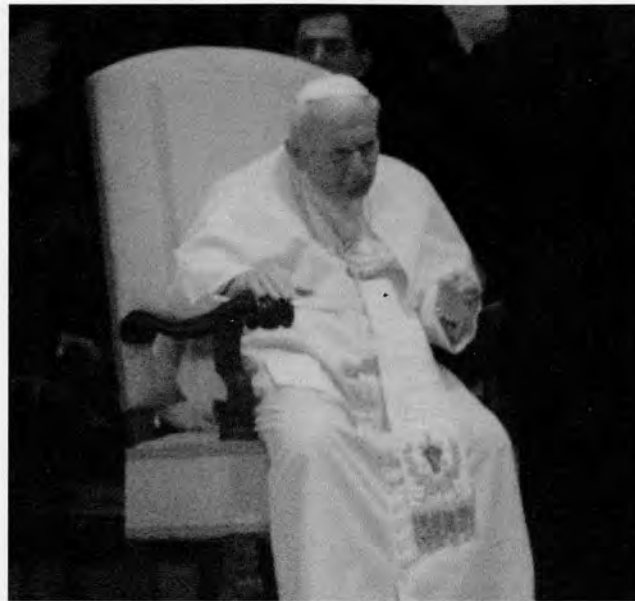
Diane Ward refuses to leave the Antica Terme di Diana restaurant. "Well, they were MY antique baths".



Papal Audience



The Mikes-Mencarini & Leitizia-pose for a photo with Catherine Ramella, and Margaret Linn.



Peter Apostle and Liz Holsapple patiently await the arrival of His Holiness.

Loyola students, lead by Christopher Pratt, sang Hallelujahs on exiting the Papal Audience. Molly Shiels said that seeing his holiness made her semester here in Rome. Other students Joel Christman, Kevin Bar, and Filisa Koritsaris shouted for an encore from il Papà. He respectfully declined.



Cervinia Ski Trip



Bartek, a very busy man, had to take this call near the top of Zermatt. Maggie and Aleksandra asked him to hurry up because it was somewhat cold 10,000 ft up.



Steve Daily rides the lift

Mike Leitizia, Colin O'Donovan, Joel Beck-Coon, and Ryan Brennan attempt a couple of Warren Milleresque moves off what locals deemed dead man's peak. Mike tumbled down the slope meeting the group 2 hours later at the chalet. His response, "Piece of cake that slope, how about a challenge next time."

Catherine Ramella, Anthony Turano, Brian White, Colin O'Donovan, Mark McNamee, and Gretchen Reed relax on the Swiss side but are all wondering "Did anyone remember to bring Swiss Francs to pay for this meal?"





Joel Beck-Coon, Emily Blanchard, Ryan Brennan, and Mike Letizia, who promised he would be able to get down the run "number 6 bis" in under marathon time. Of course... he didn't.



Brian White, Sarah Janas, Agata Pluzyczka, Jane Lennon, Leia Roditis and Mike Letizia prove there is more to do in Cervinia than just skiing.

Cynthia Bland looks in awe at Pat Healey doing the "moonwalk" across a table top. Pat later showed off his Super Bowl Shuffle imitation to riotous applause.



Joel Beck-Coon, Ryan Brennan, Emily Blanchard, Leahia Apana, Nicole Stygar, Sylvia Serbu, and Merit Vick take a break from skiing to warm up in the lodge

Budapest



Kristin D'Onofrio, Danielle Cafasso, Pat Walsh, Kristina Cusano, Emily Bates, Maggie Molloy, Jacqueline Latzoni, Margaret Linn, Catherine Ramella, Gretchen Reed, and a wild, shovel-wielding Jo Cassidy on a bridge. (Does anyone else wonder where she managed to find a shovel?)



Margaret Linn, Catherine Ramella, Cameron Esposito, and Emily Bates overlooking the Danube river.



"Fullyears got to stick together, man. These semesters, they just don't understand the fullyear love, man" said Carla Gini. She was later seen hugging semester-student Pat Walsh, but she claimed it was because he was the only guy on the trip.



Jaclynn Latzoni, Kristin D'Onofio, Danielle Cafaso, Jo Cassidy, Maggie Molloy, Emily Bates, Christina Cusano, Catherine Ramella, and Margaret Linn flank the luckiest man in the world, Patrick Walsh.



"This is just like my 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th birthday at Medieval times, except with silverware. I feel like a princess again. Now I just need Prince Charming," thought Gretchen Reed. She then settled on "Prince" Pat as she called him all weekend. Margaret Linn fashioned herself more of a queenly type.



In a tantrum, Pat shouted, "Geez I hate these stupid hats! Mental note: it's not a good idea to be the only guy on a trip with 20 girls. And I thought that kind of ratio was going to be heaven."

Vagina Monologues



Margaret Linn and Maggie Molloy were bouncers at the V-Day affair. Margaret Linn was quoted as saying, "If anyone caused a ruckus or wouldn't cough up the 2 buck entry fee, then I'd send Maggie out to rough 'em up. She looks like such a sweetheart with that smile of hers, but get her angry..."

The amazing ladies of the cast: (back) Courtney Christensen, Moira O'Donovan, Mary Hornschemeier, PJ Davè, (middle) Shana Gallant, Jennie Kearney, Gretchen Reed, Emily Bates, Jackie Nuemann, Jenn Swasas, Kate Todryk, Jenn Raskaukas, (front) Megan Shortridge, Rosie Magana, Megan Milliken, Cat Rabenstine, Lori Thomas, Cortney Tunis, and Becca Israilevich.



Off stage, the ensemble laughs knowingly at Lori Thomas' orgasmic performance





Mary Hornschemeier and Moira O'Donovan performing.



Rebecca Israilevich, Rosie Magana and Cat Rabenstine start the show with a powerful introduction.

Jacki Neumann tells the story of "The Flood".



PJ Davè goes solo in Rinaldo's.

Around the Compound



Cat Rabenstine and Cleo Garcia share a special moment.

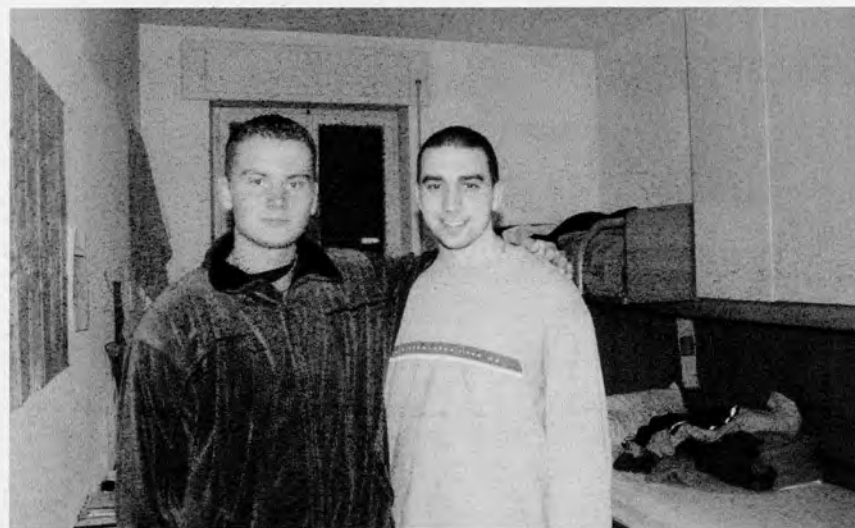


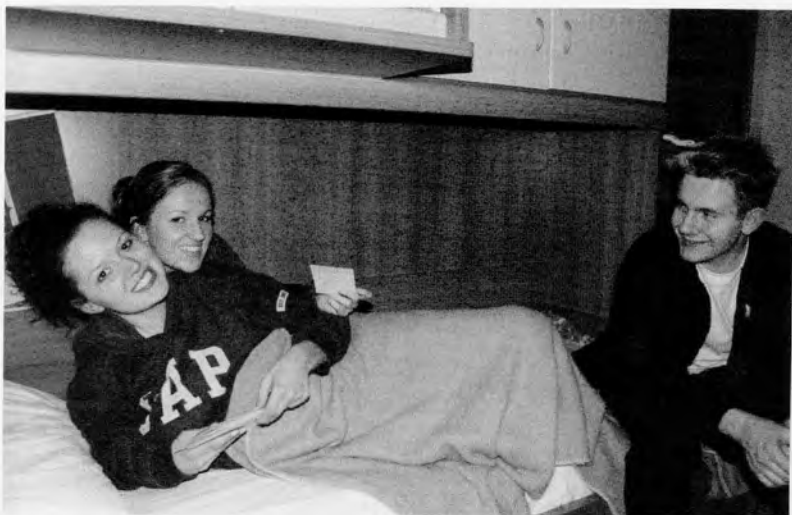
Leah Carlson, Adrienne Flowers, Jen Swasas, Pooja Dave, Lauren Serrano, Natalie Veguez and Nancy Conger getting ready to take over the Roman night scene.



"Oh God. Someone please help me," cried Kyle Pusch. Unfortunately, Kyle remained there for hours as passing students threw change at him, believing him to be a struggling street performer.

Bartek Dajnowski and Emilio Sarullo, the Rome Center's top calcio players, show off their large yet sparsely furnished dorm.





Maggie Piatek and Cathy Pijanowski share a bed, as Craig Koszewski looks on with unbridled joy.



Mike Shields screams like a little girl as the talented, albeit evil, team of Tom Terranova and Sam Fisher shave his head into a rather molted-looking rendition of a mohawk.

Never make a bet you can't win. SLA SanFran Grande Dan ignores this advice and foolishly bets against the notorious Packers fan Sheila Lombardi-Curtin.



Anthony Turano, on his way to Professor Bucci's Italian class. "How can she resist the Twan?," he asked a giggling Tom Bremner.

Carnevale



Rebecca Israilevich, Annie Maresca, and Kari Bachmeier are getting into the spirit of Venice with masks.



A large group of Loyola students discovers the biggest party in Venice



Alex Christian gets drilled by Silly String in Nice





The Love Boat starring, Megan Milliken, Gisselle Dume, Robin Mills, and Jennie DeLuna. Shot live from a gondola on-site in Venice.

Mike Mencarini, Robbie Fatta, and Pat Healey avoid falling into the Grand Canal by clever use of the hand rails.

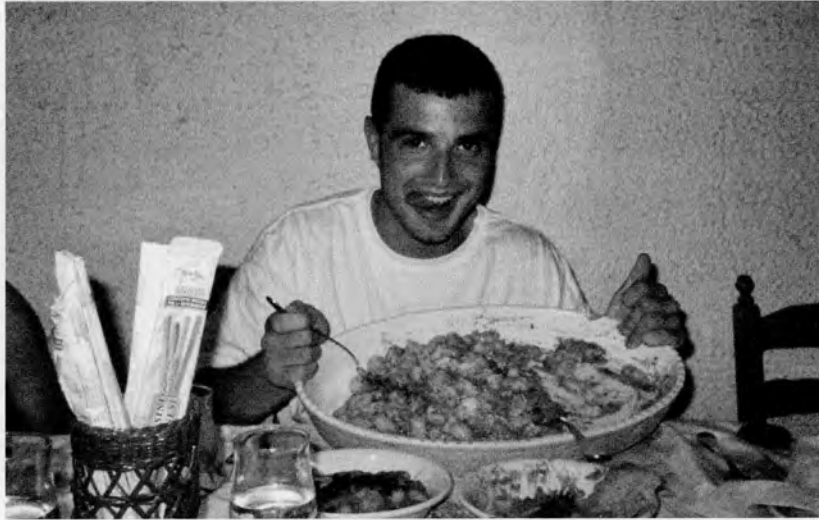


Molly Shiels, Mark "Old Man" McNamee, Amber Long, Ellen McGuire, Filisa Koritsaris, and Nadia Haque get into the Venetian culture with masks and face paint. "Old Man" claimed that stuff was for the kiddies and respectfully declined any such merriment.



Ryan Brennan gets the thumbs up on his colorful mask from another Carnevale participant.

Around Rome



Sly and evil Eddie Sheffler refuses to share his gnocchi with the hordes of hungry Rome Center students. "Let them eat cake", he said shortly before being beheaded by Joel Beck-Coon.



This group of students seems to have forgotten which city they are supposed to be in.

Known Ultras Moira O'Donovan, Cindy Bland and Jo Cassidy cheer for the only team worth cheering for- the Italian rugby squadra.



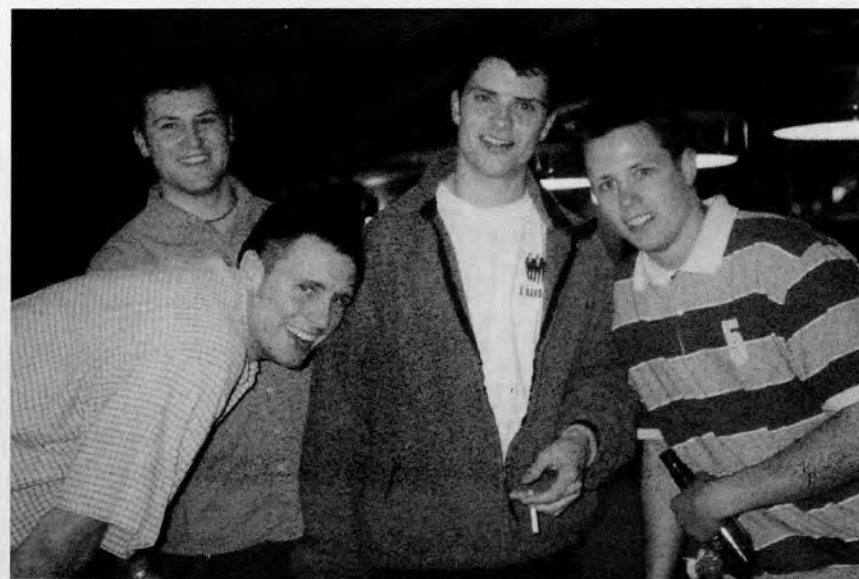


Maria Lawenko and Cat Rabenstine fight over the famous Nutella crepe.

Bello Giorgio!
Suzi Stelling, Sara
Kroll, and Gabi
Bubek fight over
the greatest little
cook in the world.



Scott McCarty, Leah Carlson, Jennifer Swasas, Pooja Davè and J.P. Berauer at the Fountain of 4 Rivers.



"Yeah, the Mensa's great and all, but let's face it, the four guys you're looking at are the best thing going at the Rome Center," said Joel Beck-Coon to a female camera woman.



Loyola students can't believe that they are seeing "Grande" Dan having trouble finishing a piccola Coca-Cola. Shown: Dan Bruun, Matt Ennis, Colin O'Donovan (with Stache), Sean McGuire, Mike Mencarini, and Mike Letizia.



Mike Shields just chilling in Piazza San Pietro.

Sean McGuire, Christina Cusano, Cindy Bland, Catherine Ramella, Margaret Linn, Maggie Molloy, and Pat Healey outside the BP after a tough night of Calcio.

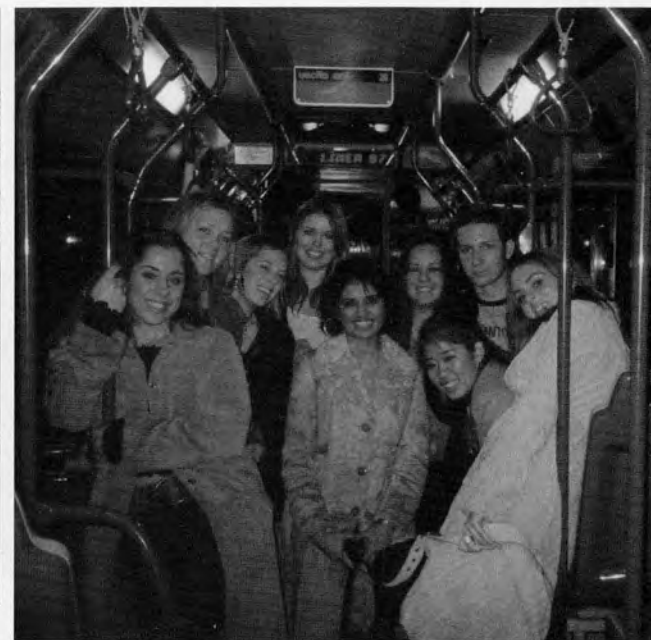


Where does one begin with this photo of Matt Kopp?





Molly Shiels, Kevin Bar, Nicole Stephansen, Alex Christian, Matt Fowler and Filisa Koritsaris in front of the most famous church in the world.



Natalie Veguez, Amelia Hrabak, Leah Carlson, Jen Swasas, PJ Davé, Meredith Cuda, Bernadette Bumanglang, J.P. Berauer, and Lauren Serrano on the 99 N.



Becky Lutz, Carla Gini, and Lia Mancini pass the time while waiting for the 990 bus at Piazza Cavour.

Amber Long said she just kept saying to herself, "I think I can, I think I can."





"Oh Crap. What is he doing with those scissors? If only I'd paid attention in Italian class!" Craig Koszewski enduring a hair cut.



Just another night at the BP. Tom Terranova, Sam Fisher, Joe O'Connor, Matt Ennis, Amelia Hrabak, Chris Pratt, Catherine Ramella, Joel Christman, Mark McNamee, Sarah Janas, and Casey Allison.



Sean McGuire and Mike Letizia at San Giovanni in Laterano for the funeral of Alberto Sordi, star of the film *Un Americano a Roma*.



St. Paddy's Day



Emily Samoska, Courtney Tunis, and Moira O'Donovan ask "who is the fairest of them all?" They all looked good in their Irish shirts.



Brian "Booger" Curtin was ordering Baffo D'Oro (the golden mustache beer) all night long in preparation for the 'Stache competition. He just couldn't get over the full-bodiedness of Morretti's mustache.



"RRR maties, twill be a long night a boozin, I 'ssure ya!" shouted pirate-like Joel Beck-Coon. J Lopatka, Emily Samoska, and George Sferra concur.

Margaret Linn, Catherine Ramella, Gretchen Reed, and Emily Bates sharing the Irish cheer at Mr. Browns pub in Trastevere. Erin Go Braugh!



Student Trips

Master explorer
Shane Manning
takes Sardinia



No cane parking: Jessica Biggs
and Mary Hornschemeier



Emily Samoska, George Sferra
and Matt Ennis



Matt Szejkowski and
Aleksandra Strzelecki



It's snowing!





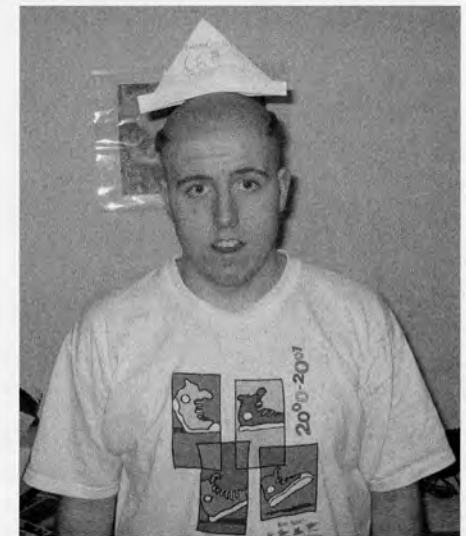
Mike Leitizia, Sean McGuire, Pat Healey, and Mike Mencarini claim the best panorama of the city of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo. Healey joked, "What idiot actually pays to go to the top of the Duomo to get a second rate view when this one is free?"



Matt Ennis KNOWS where best view in Florence is, as evidenced by this photo.



Brian Curtin and Ryan Brennan paid for the view of Florence and contend that it really is the best atop the Duomo. "Booger" later told a reliable source that he felt robbed for paying all that money; he thought there was an elevator to the top.



Pat Healey made Booger wear this fashionable dunce cap for paying to go to the top of the Duomo.



Natalie Viguez, J.P. Berauer, Jen Swasas, Lauren Serrano, and Beth DePauw stand sideways in front of a perfectly straight building in Pisa.

Nicole Izzo, Elizabeth Tornabene, Cecilia Weiss, Cara Racey and Matt Mackay celebrate the capture of Amber, Alex and Ben with steaming cups of hot chocolate.



Monomaniacal chocoholics Amber Long, Alex Christianson and Ben Beck-Coon's evil plot to destroy the Perugia Chocolate Festival was averted. That night the threesome slept the peaceful sleep of the guilty who know they have been caught.

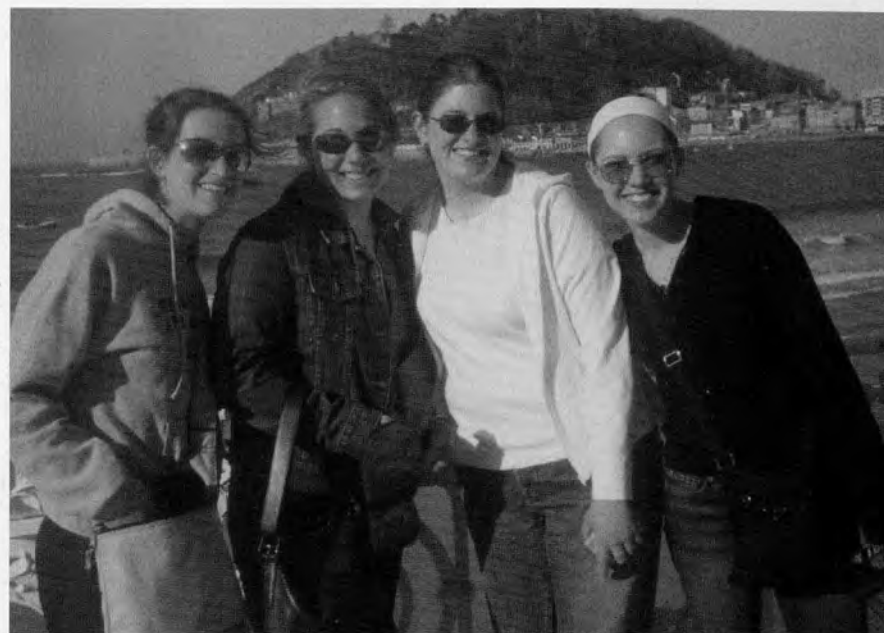


Angela Telthorst grins as she is about to tickle Kate Todryk.

The normally ultra-fashionable Bernadette Bumanglag is convinced to deny her sensibilities by Nicole Stygar, J.P. Berauer, Jen Swasas, Scott McCarty, Leah Carlson, P.J. Davè, and Molly O'Donnel at the Salzburg salt mines.



The sunglasses crew: Jo Cassidy, Danielle Cafasso, Maggie Molloy, and Emily Bates.



Dan White and Matt Koop share a moment as Brian Quarnstrom tries desperately to escape.



Tuscany



Jessica Westerman, Casey Allison, Meredith Cuda , Jaci Grigsby, Jacqueline Latzoni, Nichole Frankenberg, Danielle Cafasso, Akkio Takahashi, Julia Smyth, Nadia Haque, and Kristin D'Onofrio relaxing in the Tuscan countryside.



Beatrice Ghislandi, Marilyn Vitale, and Sheila Curtin toast each other on a trip well done. Thanks for everything!



Gina Murphy, Cindy Lopez, Adrienne Flowers, Nancy Conger, Jackie Neumann, Michelle LaGrotta, Laura Chavez, Nicole Frankenberg, and Megan Frawley taste Tuscan wines at a famous vineyard.

Jacqueline Latzoni, Danielle Cafasso, and Laura Chavez in the Chianti region of Tuscany.



Ostia Antica



Kari Bachmeier shamelessly imitates the master of all tour guides, John Nicholson. Students Tara McDonald, Jennie Kearney, Cat Rabenstine, and Shana Gallant revere their false idol. Much like the idolators who worshiped the golden calf; they too shall receive their just punishment.



The classically beautiful Diane Ward, our very own Goddess of the Moon.



Above and below: Dr. Nicholson lectures at Ostia Antica. We would like to recognize your 35 years of dedication to the Rome Center. You have inspired each one of us.



Puglia



Kristin Nerger, Liz Holsapple, Cat Rabenstine, Mary Hornschemeier, Carla Gini, Kelli Koob, Kari Bachmeier, Jessica Biggs, Cynthia Lopez and Becky Lutz.



Kolin Jordan admires his view of Puglia, complete with rainbow.



Becky Lutz, Ryan Brennan, Laura Chavez, Heather Galluzzo, Elizabeth Riebling, Carla Gini, and Ryan Fischer eating a meal in Puglia.

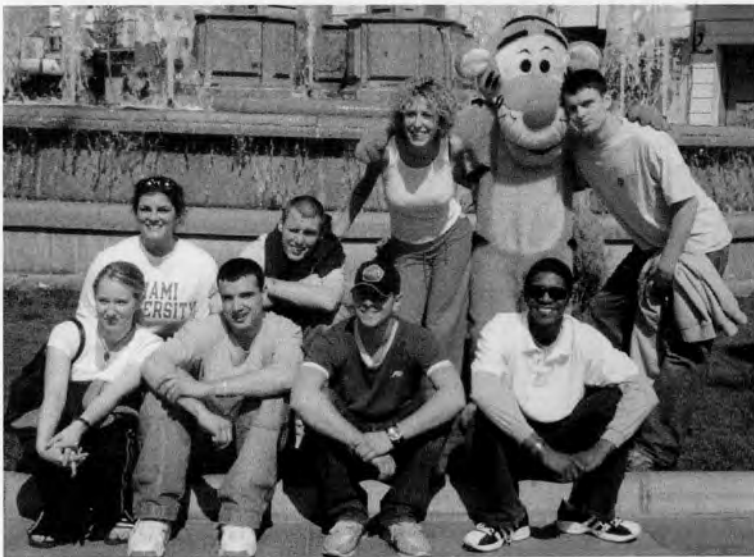


Nichole Frankenburg and Lauren Pietrocarlo doing a little house warming in one of the ancient Trulli style houses typical of the Puglia region.

Spain



Nancy Congor, Courtney Christensen, Leah Apana, Cindy Bland, and Jackie Neumann in Ronda.



Jen Winter, Ben Beck-Coon, Lauren Pietrocarlo, Tigger, Joel Beck-Coon, Nichole Frankenberg, Eddie Sheffler, Brett Eassey, and Chris Adams chilling in Granada.



Lauren Pietrocarlo, Jen Winter, Nichole Frankenberg, Eddie Sheffler, and Chris Adams enjoying the panoramic view of Granada and the Sierra Nevadas in the background.



Jackie Neumann riding high on her first camel trip.



Kevin Bar, Filisa Koritsaris, Tom Bremner, Brett Eassey, Anthony Turano, and Suzi Kunkel in Piazza Espana in Seville.

Nancy Congor and Leah Apana in a garden in Seville.



Jackie Neumann, Rosie Magana, Courtney Christensen, Adrienne Flowers, Marisa Mazurkelli, Kelli Koob, and Robin Mills, get a hands on experience in Seville. Boys, do not attempt this at home, they are trained professionals.

Brett Eassey getting in touch with his inner child and playing in the sand.



Rosie and a furry new friend in Gilbratar.



The Sunday Game

The Bullpen



Pat Walsh



Aaron Hultgren



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Dr. Dutton and Julian



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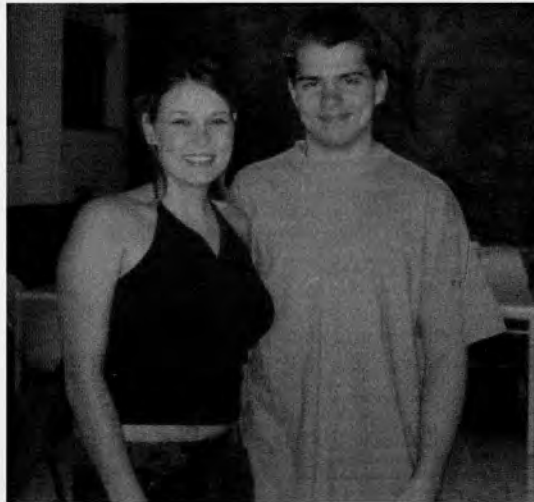
East meets West in a classic confrontation of Communism versus Capitalism on J. O'Connor Field. It ended in a tie! Tom Bremner(golden glove), Brian White (MVP), Matt Fowler, Alex Christian, Aaron Hultgren, Joe O'Connor, Colin O'Donovan, and Dan White.



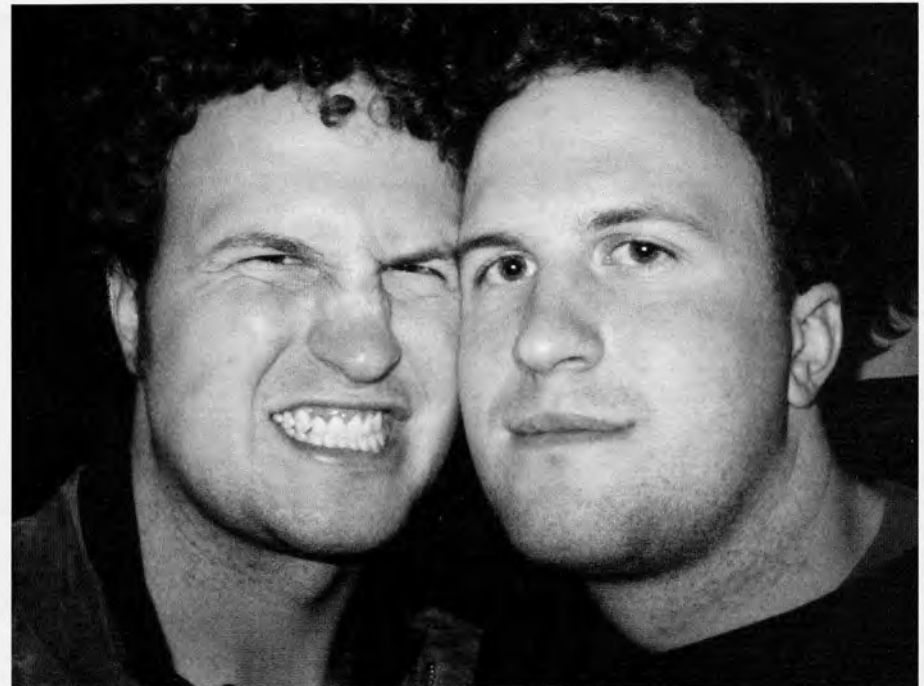
Siblings at the LURC



Moira and Colin O'Donovan were later called by Shooter McGaven's lawyer saying they could no longer pose with Shooter's signature finger move. Heart broken, Colin then received a call from the 80s saying they wanted their collar back.

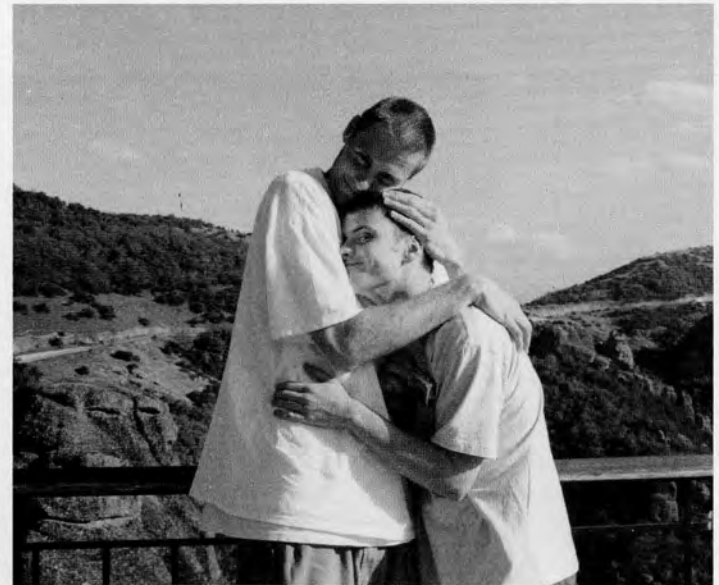


Rod Ciombor was sent to the Rome Center with one mission and one mission only- to protect his beautiful sister Karla from the advances of predatory Italian men.



Aaron and Nate Hultgren. Although often denied by Nate, they are actually identical twins.

Were it not for the two year age difference, one would assume Ben and Joel Beck-Coon were identical twins, much like the Hultgren brothers.



Calcio



Team 1: Rod Ciombor, Kristin Nerger, Kyle Siems, Brett Eassey, Ed Sheffler, an astonished Nick Frommelt, Katie Fondell, Gina Murphy, Margaret Linn, and Moira O'Donovan.



Team 2: Sara Kroll, Chris Adams, Nichole Frankenberg, Nate Hultgren (apparently no one told him he could smile for this shot), Ryan Brennan, Leah Carlson, Angie Martin, Lori Thomas, Michelle Curtis, George Sferra, Chris VanDomelen, and Sam Fisher.



Team 5: Cynthia Lopez, Angela Telthorst, Joe O'Connor (defensive captain), Jo Cassidy, Filisa Koritsaris (offensive captain), Matt Kopp, Mike Faulhaber, Sean McGuire, Ryan Fischer, and Colin O'Donovan.

"Love the League, but never forget that one day she is going to leave you".



Team 9 Superfans: Bridget Howe, Megan Williams, Amber Long, and Becky Lutz.



Team 8: Mark McNamee, Gretchen Reed, Maggie Molloy, NatalieVeguez, Dan Bruun, Natalie Djurovski, Anthony Turano (even though he had Schicilone's class), Matt Ennis, Bernadette Bumanglag, Catherine Ramella, Christina Cussano, Gigi Delaney, and Tom Terranova.



"His smile reminds me of Mona Lisa's, alluring, yet not revealing. His rough, five o'clock shadow only serves to accentuate the heightened trauma of the deflated ball. Yes, this truly is a work of art," spoke John Nicholson upon viewing the photo. And I thought it was Ryan Lopatka just fooling around with a soccer ball on his head.



Brian Curtin (Booger) shows the kind of dedication that the league is looking for. Sure he looked goofy for a while. Sure he was known as the strange guy with letters shaved in his head. But ask anyone in the league and he or she will tell you that Brian went from being a professional bench warmer to the second most beloved man in the league (second only to Bartek). Zero to a super star hero in a matter of 6 letters C-A-L-C-I-O.



Maggie Wojton wisely removes herself from a third floor pre-calcio brawl. Sources inform us Mike Faulhaber was so badly beaten that he is now unable to grow facial hair.

"The first rule about the League is that you don't talk about the League".

Spring Talent Show



Brian's main talent is always being himself.



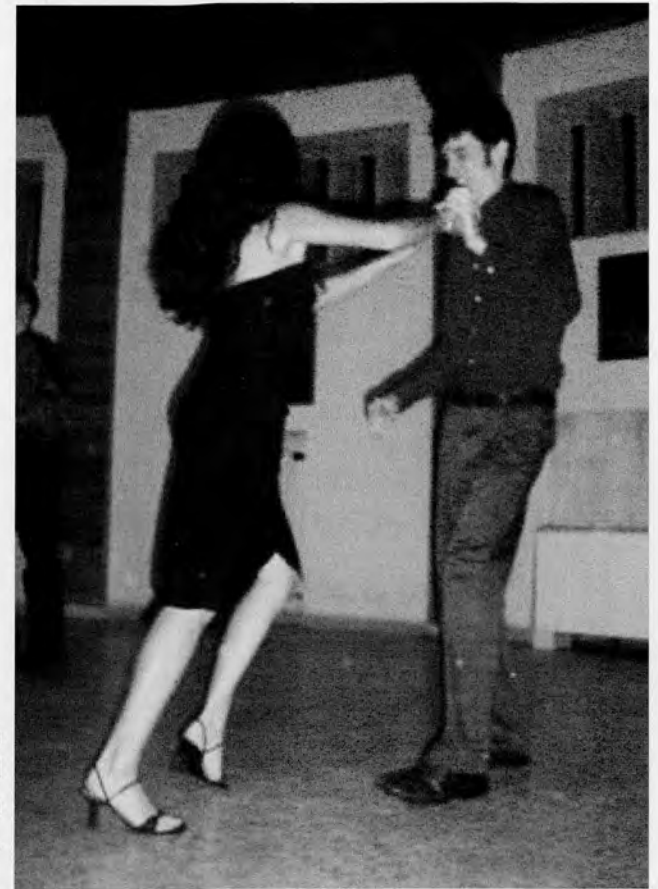
Denise and her girls do it again.



Courtney Tunis and Brett Eassey sing an ode to SLA Dan.



Peter Apostol watches the belly dancers with glee.



Rosie Magana pleads with Dave Bigler to let her lead their outstanding Latin dance.

Mustache Contest



Peacenick Colin is the master of ceremonies for this classy event.



Guido makes a surprise visit to the contest.



The human form, at its finest.



Matt Kopp deserves, if nothing else, a jar of Nutella.



They are no longer boys- they are sweet, glorious men.

The SLAs and Brian the Chaplain



This has been an amazing year for all of us. Without you, the students, the Rome Center is just a building. You give a life and energy to the campus as well as to our hearts. In whatever exotic location your soul one day leads you, we hope you will remember us as fondly as we will remember you.

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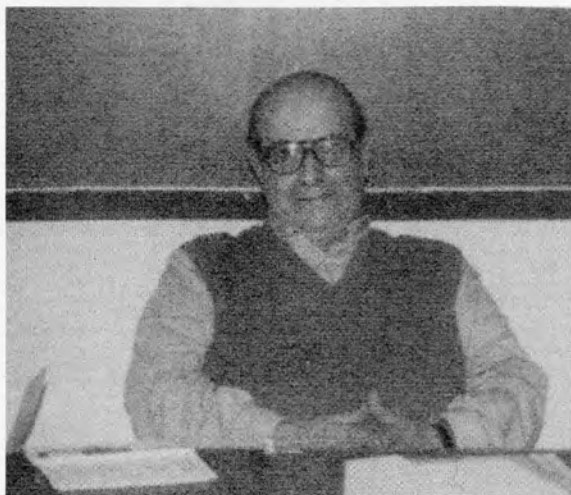


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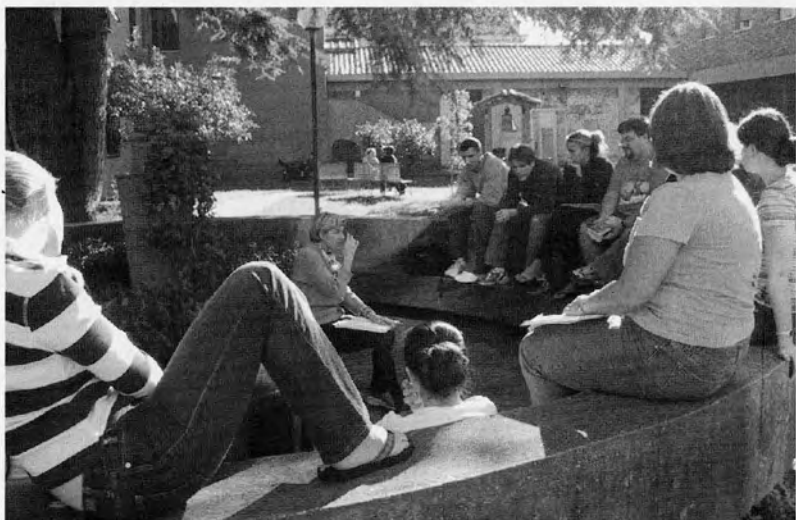
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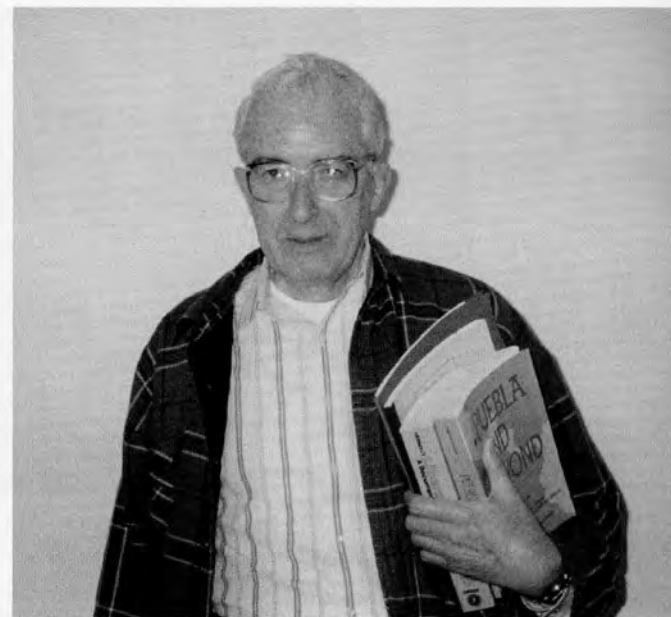


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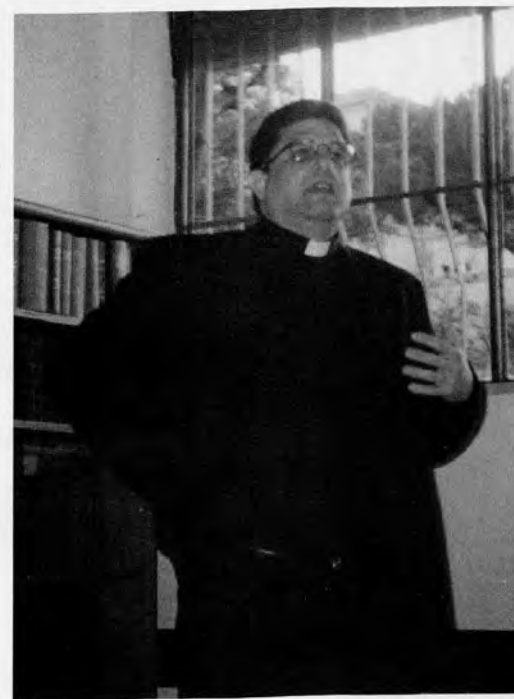
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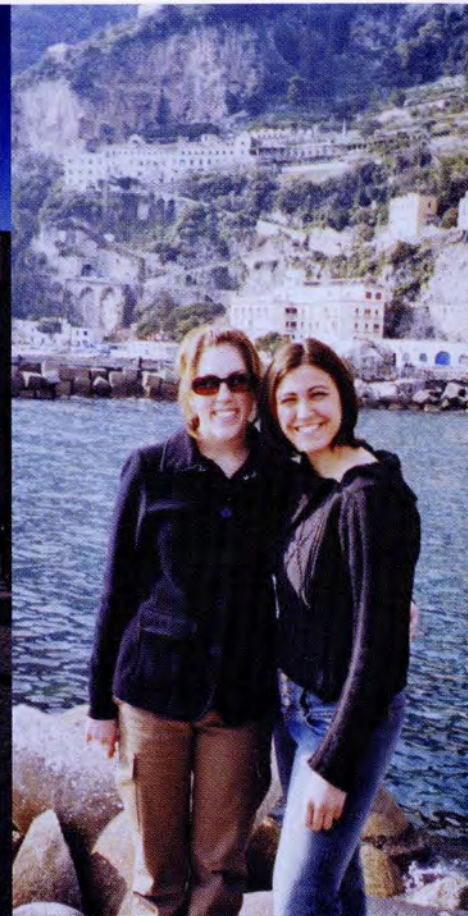
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